

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR MINORITY WOMEN
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes including those for skill development being implemented by the Union Government for the welfare of women belonging to the minority communities including Christians and Muslims in various states including Karnataka, State/UT-wise; and

(b) the funds allocated and spent and achievements made under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT -wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA)

(a) Ministry of Minority Affairs implements following schemes for welfare and skill development of women belonging to notified minority communities namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains all over the Country including Karnataka:

1. "NaiRoshni", an exclusive scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women implemented with the help of Non-Governmental Organizations since 2012-13.
2. An exclusive Scholarship scheme for meritorious girls studying in class XI and XII implemented through Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body of the Ministry.
3. Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum Means Based Scholarship (MCM) schemes implemented through State Governments, where minimum 30% seats are reserved for girls.
4. "SeekhoaurKamao (Learn and Earn)", a scheme for Skill Development launched in 2013-14 where 33% seats are reserved for minority girls, and is implemented by empanelled Project Implementing Agencies.
5. Term Loan, Micro-Finance and a promotional Vocational training scheme for minorities including women/girls, implemented through National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC). These schemes are operationalized through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs).

(b) None of the above mentioned schemes are implemented by State Governments, except Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum Means Scholarship schemes. The details of funds allocated under schemes of "NaiRoshni", MAEF, "SeekhoaurKamao" and NMDFC, expenditure incurred therein and achievements made in last three years and current year are at Annexure-I. Further, the State-wise details of expenditure incurred and Scholarships awarded under Pre-matric, Post-matric and MCM scholarship schemes during last three years and current year are at Annexure-II and III.